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OYEN, ALBERTA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st, 1916.

PAGE ONE

LINOLEUMS

Spring is almost here and you will soon be thinking of house cleaning. What could be nicer than to have your floor covered with a nice piece of Linoleum. Our Spring shipment is now here and it includes some nice patterns.

6 foot width \$1.50 per lineal yard
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We carry the famous
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These lines are solid leather and we recommend them for heavy wear.

S. A. Miller & Co.
In Scott's Old Stand.

Let us supply you this Spring with

Smoking Liquid

For smoking your Summer supply of Meats

Formaldehyde

For Your Grain
International Stock Food
For the Stock
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Geo. A. Morrison,
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Oyen.

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Your King and Country Need You
For What?

To Raise Another Good Crop

You will soon be needing Repairs and Supplies of all kinds. We have a good and complete Stock of all such.

Formaline Blue Stone

Plow Shares

Butts Axle Grease

Harness Oil

Barbed Wire, etc.

If it's anything in Hardware

We Have It

W. C. Hoskins,
Always for the best Hardware.

Desperate Fighting at Verdun

French Military Experts Are Confident
Regarding Situation

Local Items

CEDAR FENCE POSTS
We handle the best quality and our prices are right.—Crown Lumber Co., Ltd.

Miss E. Robinson, who has been spending the last month with her parents at Medicine Hat, returned to town on Sunday morning.

Mr. Fred J. Whitlock and family left town last Thursday for their farm near Alask.

Place your orders NOW for Plow Shares with Jas. Lee. Horse shoeing and Share work a specialty.

Mr. J. W. Crockett, Jeweller and Optician, of Cereal, will be at the Drug Store, Oyen, every Tuesday. Repairs left at the Drug Store will receive prompt attention.

The business men of Oyen will be glad to learn that a post box will be placed at the depot in the near future.

B. J. Steen of the Steen Jewellery and Optical Co., Ltd., of Youngstown, was in town yesterday, and will be in town every Tuesday. Watch repairing and Optical work a specialty.

Among the delegates who left on Tuesday morning for Edmonton, to attend the Woman's Institute Convention, were: Mrs. J. Naismith, Jr., from the Oyen Branch, Mrs. J. C. Ihle from the Fairacres Branch, and Miss Bruy from the Wavy Plain Branch.

Seed Oats and Flax for sale. Oats took the 2nd. prize and Flax 1st. prize at the Oyen Seed Grain Fair. Archie McQuarrie, Sec. 5-27-3, Oyen.

A dance will be held at Excel Hall in aid of the Red Cross Society, on Friday evening, March 3rd. Everybody welcome.

An entertainment will be given in the Methodist Church on Friday, March 10th. Proceeds to be given to the Canadian Red Cross Society. See posters.

Mr. Archie McQuarrie, left on Tuesday morning for Edmonton, where he will attend the Agricultural Societies Convention.

Do not send away for your Spring Millinery. Wait and see the Spring and Summer Hats, which will be on display about March 10th, in the room over the Acadia Hotel.

Notice—I will be buying hops, oaten and cattle in Oyen, regularly until further notice. Any one having same for sale, enquire at the Farmers' Elevator or of E. McArthur, Maple Leaf Cafe, W. Riser. Next shipment, March 14th.

Messrs. C. A. Jacobson and W. A. W. Wozake of Gold Springs arrived in town yesterday. Mr. Wozake left for Calgary on business this morning.

Mr. Jas. Lee left for Calgary yesterday, and will arrange to ship another car load of horses to Oyen about the end of the month.

The desperate fighting which has been going on during the past week at Verdun is dwindling according to latest reports received at Paris, and it is generally thought that General Joffre has the situation well in hand.

In spite of the strenuous efforts of the Germans, the French General Staff has been under no necessity of changing its disposition in consequence of the strong defence at Verdun. Another significant fact is, that their has been no need to seek to relieve the pressure on the verdun front by making an offensive elsewhere, as might easily have been done.

Considerable speculation is rife as to whether the German offensive is suspended owing to the fact that they realize that all efforts to take Verdun in vain and are simply confining themselves to defending position they have so dearly bought, or whether they are merely in need of a rest before being hurled forward again in another tremendous assault.

It is altogether unlikely that the Germans will succeed in forcing General Joffre to action which might prove premature.

The Terms of Peace

"What I said November 9th, 1914, I repeat now:—We shall never sheath the sword which we have not lightly drawn until Belgium—and, I will add Serbia recover in full measure all and more than they have sacrificed. Until France is adequately secured against aggression, until the rights of the small nations of Europe are based upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed." Premier Aquin in British House of Commons.



Government of
the Province
of Alberta

NOTICE TO STEAM ENGINEERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that examinations will be held at the undermentioned places by Wm. Gray a duly appointed Inspector of Steam Boilers for the Province of Alberta.

Oyen, March 21st, 1916
Youngstown, March 22nd., 1916
Expiere Hotel
Hanna, March 23rd. 1916, National Hotel

at 9 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of giving Engineers and Apprentices an opportunity of qualifying for Certificates under the provisions of "The Boilers Act", 1912.

Persons not already registered in the Province who may desire application forms, can obtain same by applying to the Department or to the above named Inspector, and such application forms must be properly filled out, witnessed, and declared to before a Commissioner or Justice of the Peace before an examination can be granted.

L. C. CHARLEWORTH,
Deputy Minister.
Department of Public Works,
Edmonton, Alta.

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A Leader for 45 years

What better assurance of quality can any man ask for in Shoes than an unchallenged reputation of leadership in style, quality and value of 45 years standing? Slater Shoes enjoy that enviable reputation—that is why we are proud of the opportunity of offering our customers Slater Shoes. New goods all of them—the only old feature is the Slater reputation for common sense, comfort, thorough workmanship and good value. This reputation is as old as the Slater factory—45 years. Look for the sign of the Slater.

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The Harness Boot and Shoe Store

The Oyen Clothing Co.

Our Spring and Summer Goods

Are arriving every day so now is your time to make your selection as we have the largest

Assortment in Men's Furnishings

and of the best brands.

We are sole agents for the
Geo. A. Slater (Invictus) dress shoes
A. R. Clarke's, Gloves, Mitts and Shirts.
Leather Label Overalls
Harley Henry Work Shoes

Redmond Hats, in all shapes and shades
W. G. & R. Dress Shirts and Collars
Broadway Ready-to-wear Clothing
Art Clothes made to your measure

We can outfit the working man or the dressy man from head to foot.
Call in and inspect our stock

The Oyen Clothing Co.
D. M. Irving, Manager.



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Accounts are rendered monthly and are due when rendered.
Charges for Display advertising must be in this office by Monday noon for publication in the following Wednesday's issue.

Chas. L. Dunford, Editor.

Wednesday, March 14th., 1916

Conscription of Industry

It is said quite plausibly that a large permanent extension of state ownership and state control of industry may result from the war. Spurred by military exigencies England, France and Germany have taken a good many steps on the road to state socialism—which is a very different affair from ideal socialism for it does not necessarily imply the least improvement in the condition of labor. The situation of the belligerents at the close of the war—with colossal debts, diminished capital, industry disorganized in various branches, and a horde of workmen released from the trenches—will, it is argued, enforce a continuance or even an enlargement of state participation in business.

Perhaps jealously of private profits on the part of working populations that have made such terrific sacrifices will operate in the same direction.

Indeed, state socialism is a rather natural corollary of conscription. If the state must have all its people duly trained, regimented and ready at a moment's call for national defence, why should it not also have all industry duly regimented, controlled and immediately under its thumb? If every workman must put himself in such condition that he is instantly available to the state for military purposes, why should industry be in the same condition?

State socialism is a quite logical corollary of conscription. Conscriptionists here should add it to their programme.

—S. E. P.

Red Cross Notes

An entertainment will be given in the Methodist Church on Friday, March 10th. Proceeds to be given to the Canadian Red Cross Society. See posters.

The next sewing meeting of the ladies of the Oyen Branch of the Red Cross Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Peterson on Friday, March 10th.

Every member of the Red Cross Society should endeavor to secure another member.

The present membership of the Oyen Branch of the Red Cross Society numbers 48. The executive desire to increase this to over one hundred by the end of the month.

In Lighter Vein

She. "Oh Charley, it is so cold! I would like to have something around me."

He—"What would you care to have?"

She—"Oh, anything—"

And the yap brought her a shawl.

She—"When I marry I hope my husband will die young. I want to be a widow."

He—"How barbarous! How cruel!"

She—"Oh, don't worry! It won't be your funeral."

Recognised

"Do you know that woman across the street?"

"She certainly looks familiar. Let me see. It's my wife's new hat dress, my daughter's hat, and my mother-in-law's parasol—sure! It's our cook."

Locals

Mr. Wm. Affleck of Fairaeros was a visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. John Ozust and son left town yesterday for Wilton, North Dakota. Mr. Ozust expects to return to Oyen in about two weeks.

Mr. A. Affleck of Seal, who has been spending a few weeks in Ontario, returned to his farm last week.

Mr. Fred Whitlock was a town visitor yesterday.

Miss Jean Welch, who has been spending a few days in Calgary, returned to town this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dalton left for their farm near Benton last Saturday.

Mr. Murray Racknor of Netherhill, who has been visiting his brother Robert, at Seal, left for his home this morning.

Don't forget the Dance in the Excel Hall on Friday night. Proceeds in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Everybody welcome.

Prices Paid at The Elevators

Wheat, No. 1 Northern	.. 84
" No. 2 " "	.. 81
" No. 3 " "	.. 77
Flax	.. 1.76
Oats	.. 25
Barley	.. 37

Pound Notice

One light grey gelding; one dark grey Mare, white stripe in face; one brown Gelding, white spot in face, all branded A on left jaw; also some brand on left thigh. One brown Mare white stripe in face, white hind feet, no brand. Were impounded on the 18th. day of February 1916, at 11 p.m. at pound kept by W. J. Ickes.
W. J. Ickes.
Poundkeeper.

Recruits Wanted

Capt. C. W. Rideout of Chinook has accepted a Commission in the 175th. Battalion. Lieut. Col. Nelson Spencer, O. C. of Medicine Hat. Capt. Rideout will have charge of recruiting in the Atlatla District and expects to spend one day a week in each town along the line. Watch the posters for dates when Capt. Rideout will be in town: All men enlisting will be given free transportation to Medicine Hat. Anyone having crops to put in in the Spring will be allowed to return on furlough to do such work. Anyone applying to the Post Master at Oyen can be taken on.

Signed Capt. C. W. Rideout
175th. Batt'n.

The Biggest Advance In Grain Drill Construction In Many Years

Sowing the seed is a very important operation, as on it depends in a great measure the success or failure of the crop. If the seeding is not properly done, perfect weather conditions are of little help, while on the other hand, right sowing means a largely increased yield under favorable conditions, and, in a bad year may mean the difference between success and failure.

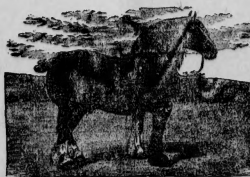
THE MASSEY-HARRIS NEW No. 11 DRILLS are in use by thousands of progressive Western Farmers and have proven beyond question that they have no equal in Canada. Now, with the Steel Grain Box, and other improvements, it marks another big advance in Grain Drill Construction—the Steel Grain Box being one of the most important improvements ever made on a Drill and is a good example of Massey-Harris enterprise.

Sample Drill at Shop

Full Line of Spring Machinery:- Plows, Discs, Harrows, Packers, Cultivators Etc.

STUART B. LAWRENCE
OYEN AGENT

3 Car Loads of Horses for Sale



Mares and Geldings, weighing from 1,250 lbs. to 1,550 lbs. These horses are from 5 to 8 yrs. old and well broken.

These Horses will be sold at a very low Price and can be seen at McKenzie's Livery Barn

Gibson Bros.

Oyen, Alta.

Advertise in The Oyen News
THE PAPER THAT GOES HOME.

ALBERTA LIVERY
FEED & SALE STABLE

Carting and Draying
at all times

TERMS REASONABLE

J. McKenzie, Proprietor.
OYEN, ALBERTA.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

WILL PAY CASH for drawing stone (already dug) off 25 acres and plowing same. This breaking to be done on Section 4-28-4 and finished on or before May 15th.

Apply to R. E. Gillespie,
Oyen

FOR SALE—Banner Seed Oats for sale 50 cts. per bushel, guaranteed free from Wild oats, Buck wheat, and all other weed seeds.

W. H. H. Hess, 6-28-4, Oyen.

WANTED—A Bull calf age about eleven or twelve months old. Good stock. Apply—Box 37, Oyen

OYEN FOR SALE—Seven good work oxen for sale, or will trade for horses. For terms apply to—S. L. Kline, one mile east of Sunnydale P.O.

THRESHING OUTFIT FOR SALE—A 25 H.P. Reeves Compound Plowing Engine, and 40x60 Reeves Separator, two Tents and one sleeping Caboose, for sale cheap. Apply to—W. M. Morrill, 17-4-26, w. of the 4th.

MARQUIS SEED WHEAT FOR SALE at market price. This wheat took the highest marks at the Oyen Seed Fair—Apply to Rufus Cairns, s.w. 25-28-4, Faircliff, Alta.

\$20 REWARD

LOST—1 Light Grey Gelding, weight about 1,100 lbs., brand two "L" back to back with a bar across top on the right thigh. 1 aged Gelding, weight about 1,000, color brown. Branded on left hip 57. These horses strayed from Section 31-28-5, west of 4th., on Saturday, November 27th. Anyone seeing them please notify Charles Dwinell Acadia Valley P.O.

LOST FEBRUARY 20th.

2 Bay Geldings, weight 1200 and 1250 lbs. One cropped ear and white face, left hind leg white. One has halter and rope on. Brand I. D. on left shoulder, also brand on right hip. Anyone giving information which leads to their recovery or returning them to 105-1 w. of 4th. will be rewarded. Chas. Mills, Mere, P.O. Alta.

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Barrister, Solicitor,
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Oyen, Alberta Canada

H. C. Swartzlander

M. D.

PHYSICIAN

McArthur Block OYEN, ALTA.

DIRECTORY

OYEN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday March 5th.

Preaching Service 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School 2.30 p.m.

Wavy Plain 11 a.m.
Kirkwall 3.30 p.m.

Rev. Geo. A. Steele Pastor.

Sacred Heart Church.

Regular services will be held
First Sunday in each month at
10.30 a.m.

Rev. W. E. DARGAN.

Farmers Raise Hay!

Insure abundance of Hay and pasture for your stock by sowing a good acreage to Bromus grass. The only reliable drooth resisting hay we have, starts earlier in Spring, remains green longer in the fall, yield better and stock weight more than any grass in the W.C.A. Head what the Seed House and Government Experimental stations have to say about it. You never have to reseed. We have fifteen thousand pounds of seed to sell at 15 cents per lb. This seed is raised right here, and is silagey and thoroughly ripened. Apply to—

W. A. Reid,
Farmer's Stables, Alask, Sask.

Patriotic Wheat Bin

Previously acknowledged:

J. W. Snell	60 bus.
Alex Manney	57½ "
Rufus Cairns	74 "
R. F. Van Horn	48½ "
H. Cunningham	2451 "
J. J. Reis	301 "
H. J. Austen	40 "
Johnston Craig	41.30 "
A. E. Todd	63.20 "
Total to date	447.30 "

We Have
Clubbing Offers
With nearly all the
Leading Papers
In Canada

Call and tell us what you want.

Grand
Entertainment

In The

Methodist Church
On Friday, March 10th.

Proceeds in aid of the Red Cross Fund

Admission 50 cents.

Children 25 cents

Everybody Come.



"MADE IN CANADA"

The Ford Runabout. Price \$480

A fine harvest—of pleasure and profits is reaped by the man who drives a Ford. For the trip to town—for a run to the neighbors for a hurry-up drive anywhere business or pleasure—there's no other car which will go so well at anywhere near the cost.

The Ford Touring Car is \$600; the Coupelet \$730; the Sedan \$800; the Town Car \$780. All prices are f. o. b. Ford, Ontario. All cars completely equipped including electric headlights. Equipment does not include speedometer. Cars on sale at P. H. Peterson and J. H. Smith, Jr., Dealers, Oyen, Alta.



Crescent Flow Shares

On orders placed on or before February 15th, I will guarantee the following prices:

12 inch Shares	\$4.80 per pair
14 "	\$5.30 "
16 "	\$5.80 "

25 per cent deposit with order, balance on delivery of goods.

JAS. LEES

Oyen

Alta.

Your Best Salesman

Is not the one that sells the most goods but the one that creates a demand for your goods or services.

A Good Advertisement

Will create the demand at only a fraction of a salesman's salary.

THE OYEN BILLIARD HALL.

English Billiard and Snooker Table
Four Pool Tables. Good Cues. Good Service.

**Cigars, Cigarettes,
and Tobacco.**

Chas. A. Wilson Proprietor

St. Patrick's Supper

—AND—

Entertainment

In the Methodist Church
Friday, March 17th.

Letter from Sergeant H. D. Porter

27th, January, 1916.
The Girls of the Philceca Class,
Methodist Church,
Oyen, Alta.

My Dear Friends:

I have been rather tardy about writing to you to acknowledge having received the parcel you were so kind to send.

It arrived O.K. after about six weeks wandering, on the 20th, December and we discussed the edible part of the contents at once. Judging by what was in the parcel I believe it was someone who knew my taste pretty well, who made the selection.

I'm sure you know by now that I am separated from my Battalion. They sent me across with the advance party and on landing was forwarded to one of the bases, to keep the records of the other boys. So I'm at the work I enjoy best, but not where I ought to be. Don't matter much. I'll be there, most likely before long. It was a toss up between, two of us which should come here, and I lost.

I must explain that my present location is hospital but will be clear in a few days. I've been sick off and on nearly all the time since landing in France and finally got so much fed up with it, that I "reported sick" and was sent up here. I needed the rest anyway.

I've received no bad reports yet about any of our Oyen boys. They were, with the exception of Roy Steeves who was left in England sick, attached to the wood cutting party. I don't know if they are with it yet, but think they are. Steeves was transferred to the 8th. Reserve Battalion when we left, and should soon be coming out as a reinforcement, unless they have sent him back to Canada, unfit. It was hard luck losing him.

This place where I'm located isn't half bad. It's quite a large city, about 125,000 people I believe, and like all these old country cities, it's old, and dirty. It's rather prettily situated in a kind of basin among the hills, and extends up from both sides of the river. It's a pretty sight from the high ground outside the city, to look down on the town, it seems to be mostly church spires, the highest of which is over the centre of the cathedral. I have not visited any of the churches yet, except the cathedral on the occasion of 10 p.m. Mass on Christmas eve. The church is very beautiful inside and the ceremony was interesting and rather imposing, but does not contribute much to one's enlightenment, being entirely in Latin. I intend to go someday when I'm feeling well again. There are older churches in town than this one and they all show the same signs of decay.

To be concluded next week.

Beautiful New Fabrics For Spring

Paillette Silks in all the newest shades
36in. wide, reg. \$1.25 per yard now \$1.10
Jacquard Tussah, reg. 75c. for 65c. per yard.
Dress Gingham ranging from 10c to 15c yard

King of Road Overalls Also added one more new line.
The Headlight Overalls made in world's Greatest
Overall Factories

Hart Bros.

CASH STORE
E. C. Stata, Manager

A Representative Wanted
At Once For

OYEN

And District for the

Old Reliable Foxhill Nurseries

Choice list of hardy tested varieties, recommended by the Western Experimental Station, suitable for Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Hybrid Apple, Native Plums, Russian Cherries, Small Fruits, Seed Potatoes, Hardy Trees for Windbreaks and Shelter Belts. Liberal terms. Handsome Free Outfit. Exclusive Territory. Write now for particulars.

Stone & Wellington,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dr. Luekner, Dentist, will be in Oyen from the 1st. to 5th, inclusive and 11th. to 15th, inclusive, every month. Cereals, 6th. to 10th. inclusive. Remember the dates.

We have received

A fine assortment of

Tamarac Posts

In lengths ranging
from 6½ to 14 foot

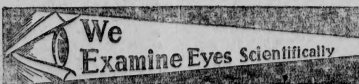
Our prices are very attractive
on these posts

See us before placing your orders.

Beaver Lumber Co.

H. Hancock,

Manager.



Let us impress upon you the fact that your sight—and your children's sight—is infinitely more valuable than the most expensive pair of glasses—and that defective sight means a heavy handicap no matter what your position in life may be.

You can ascertain the exact condition of your eyes by spending fifteen or twenty minutes in our office here in Oyen where you are assured of careful, courteous and scientific attention.

Will Be In OYEN Every Tuesday

Steen Jewellery and Optical Co., Ltd.,
Youngstown, Alta.

Well Drilling

Testimonial

14th, January, 1916.

In justice to a good workman we have this day to say of John Oszust:—That he has completed a well for us in the town of Oyen and that we have pumped on this well for one hundred hours steady and it hasn't missed a stroke.

Lafferty & Thayer,
Oyen Livery Barn.

JOHN OSZUST

"The man who gets water where others fail."